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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 0466

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN, CZ, AU
SUBJ: VISIT TO VIENNA OF FINANCE MINISTER LER

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOC FINANCE MINISTER LEOPOLD LER
IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT VIENNA MARCH 5-8 FOR DISCUSSION WITH
GOA VICE CHANCELLOR AND FINANCE MINISTER ANDROSCH. LER,
WHO IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE MORE ECONOMICALLY
RATIONAL GOC LEADERS AND RUMORED TO BE INCREASING HIS INFLUENCE,
HAS RECENTLY BEEN WRITING AND SPEAKING PUBLICLY ABOUT THE "COMPREHENSIVE

EXPERIMENT OF MANAGING EFFECTIVENESS AND QUALITY" OF CZECHOSLOVAK
INDUSTRY. WHAT HAS APPEARED IN PRESS TO DATE HAS NOT
CLARIFIED MANY IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THIS "COMPEHENSIVE EXPERIMENT,"
WHICH WILL INVOLVE 150 INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND VARIOUS OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS BETWEEN 1978 AND 1980.
THE KEY QUESTIONS ON THIS PROGRAM, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY GOC PRESIDUM

LAST DECEMBER 8, ARE WHETHER IT ENTAILS SIGNIFICANT
DECENTRALIZATIO OF DECISION-MAKING AND WHETHER IT INDICATES
THAT A MAJOR MANAGERIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM HAS BEEN
LAUNCHED. WE WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER ON THIS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR ANY
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INFORMATION ON ABOVE TOPIC WHICH EMBASSY VIENNA MIGHT BE ABLE TO
DEVELOP FROM GOA OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN LER'S VISIT.
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